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Letter from Maggie [Margaret Muir Reid] to John Muir, 1889 Dec 9.

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he can do at present on a ranch near town. he comes home at night. & Harry is on the ranch, in Kansas, ^{alone} taking care of the place & the few horses left on it. The place cannot be left as in that thinly settled country everything that could be carried off would be taken. The children are well except Jennie but she is able to be at her work in the house. My own health has been poor this last summer & fall I am quite nervous. though I am able to do something most of the day. I hope this will find you all well. Give my love to Louie. & Kiss Wanda & Baby for me. Remember me to Doctor & Mrs Strentzel & many God Bless You Dear John

Maggie

sure to many blunders

P.S. I don't think John
thinks or has thought
much about coming
to Cal. he says Harry
sometimes on the other side
of the mountain in a
kind of desperation
he feels so unsettled
that he can't stay here
and he is sure to go
soon on their way to
their new home.
M. R.

The
Cret. Feb. Dec 9. 1889.

My dear Brother John

Your exceedingly

Kind & comforting letter was received two days ago. & it is just like yourself the good & kind self you have ever been to me. I thank you John, but words are poor, sometimes, to express our feelings. John also received your answer to his. & we thank you for your willingness to help. & for the substantial help you have already given, and are sorry you had to lose your fine grape crop.

We ^{do not} feel ^{like} speaking of help from any other members of the family would be of no use as David in a

letter he wrote to John (The other day) for Sarah concerning your answer to Sarah's letter. I expressed a wish that he ^{David} could help him but saying "it would be all he could do to get through this year." & I don't think we could get any ^{help} from Ben. & by what we hear from Waller he is in a "hard place" himself and as Willis Landers perhaps you have heard expects to move to Tub. This month. having bought a farm close to Kearney some time ago. he will not likely have any money he could lend at this time. John is ^{anxious} if he did lose his share in ^{the land} it. that some of the family would own it so that Sarah would be all right. & I do hope she will be whatever happens.

John got a notice from The Land Co. last week. that one $\frac{1}{2}$ section of ^{the} land he owns is on, except

a garden near the house. There is 140 acres of it (plowed) but it was bought ^{a little} later & nothing has been payed on it) that unless ^{appears} th th were payed up before the 27 or 29 I don't know which. that his title to said gr. would be null & void without further notice.

John has written to his Bro. Charlie he is the only one in his family he thought would be able to raise a little money. & also to Mr Yule of Beatrice but has rec'd no answer yet. it seems to be hard times everywhere those who have money have it invested.

Now I have written you a long lamentable letter. I don't like to write you such. John is at present working by the day as it is all